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6 associated with the received data packet in response to satisfying the filter criteria associated with  
7 the at least one filter; and  
8 a controller coupled to the network interface, to dynamically create and remove the filters  
9 controlling access to the different service levels based, at least in part, on an admissions profile.

1 2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one filter when  
2 triggered, initiate an admission control decision preventing premature allocation of service level  
3 resources which are not yet required or authorized.

1 3. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein each of the filters is triggered by  
2 information contained within the received data packet.

1 4. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein each of the filters is triggered by  
2 one or both of packet source information and packet destination information.

1 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the admissions profile is stored in a  
2 communicatively coupled remote device.

1 6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the communicatively coupled remote device is  
2 a bandwidth broker or other generic policy server.

1 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the admissions profile is available locally  
2 within the apparatus.

1 8. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller establishes an  
2 ingress profile in response to detecting an associated trigger event, wherein the ingress profile  
3 modifies the received data packet adhering to the filter criteria to denote a particular service  
4 level, in accordance with the admissions profile.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the controller removes ingress profiles when  
2 data packets adhering to the filter criteria are no longer received, liberating apparatus resources.

1           10.    The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the controller removes ingress profiles after a  
2 predetermined period of time, liberating apparatus resources.

1           11.    (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller removes at least one  
2 of the filters in accordance with a network administration policy.

1           12.    (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the controller removes at least  
2 one of the filters based, at least in part, on time-of-day.

1           13.    (Amended) A method for controlling provision of differentiated services in a data  
2 network, the method comprising:

3           (a)    installing a filter on a network edge device to provide a trigger notification upon  
4 detecting data packets adhering to filter criteria;

5           (b)    determining whether a received data packet satisfies the filter criteria; and

6           (c)    issuing a command by a bandwidth broker to a controller of the network edge  
7 device to dynamically install or remove a filter in response to determining whether the received  
8 data packet satisfies the filter criteria.

1           14.    (Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising (d) marking the received  
2 data packets adhering to the filter criteria according to a subscribed service level.

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1           16.    The method of claim 14, wherein the marking of the received data packet includes  
2 setting a logic value of a bit in a Type of Service (ToS) field of a header of the data packet.

1           17.    The method of claim 14 further comprising:

2           (e)    identifying and marking the received data packets with routing information in  
3 accordance with the subscribed service level.

1           18.    The method of claim 17 further comprising:

2 (f) placing the data packets in a proper format for transmission.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the classifier marks a Type of Service (ToS)  
2 field of the received data packet to denote a level of service for transmission of the data packet.

1 20. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller further dynamically controls  
2 access to at least one classifier profile in accordance with the admission profile.

1 21. (Amended) An apparatus adapted to facilitate communications between a client  
2 device and a remote device, comprising:  
3 filter means for controlling access to different service levels;  
4 means for classifying and marking one of the service levels associated with the received  
5 data packet in response to satisfying filter criteria associated with the filter means, the means for  
6 classifying being communicatively coupled to the filter means; and  
7 control means for dynamically creating and removing a portion of the filter means based  
8 at least in part on an admission profile.

1 22. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the admissions profile is stored in a  
2 communicatively coupled remote device.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the communicatively coupled remote device is  
2 a bandwidth broker or other generic policy server.

1 24. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the filter means comprises a plurality of  
2 filters.

1 25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the control means removes at least one of the  
2 filters in accordance with a network administration policy.

1 26. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the control means removes at least one of the  
2 filters based, at least in part, on time-of-day.